



BATMAN

BEYOND

NEO-GOTHIC

KELLY
LANZING
DUNBAR
CHENG

ON TRIAL WITH THE
COURT OF
OWLS...

HOO WILL
SURVIVE?

13+
TEEN



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TOON

ZATANNA'S TRAPPED IN LONDON IN 1888—
AND ONLY JACK THE RIPPER CAN HELP HER GET HOME.

ZATANNA & THE RIPPER

volume ONE

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I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN HEAR ME.



OR IF YOU'RE EVEN STILL ALIVE DOWN THERE.



BUT WE'RE SENDING THIS IN WHISPERS ON EVERY OLD HARDCABLE.



RUNNING MORSE
CODE THROUGH
THE ENERGY GRID.

AS FAR DOWN
AS WE CAN.

A MILLION AVENUES.
ONE MESSAGE.



"CAVE TO BATMAN.



"GOTHAM IS DYING."

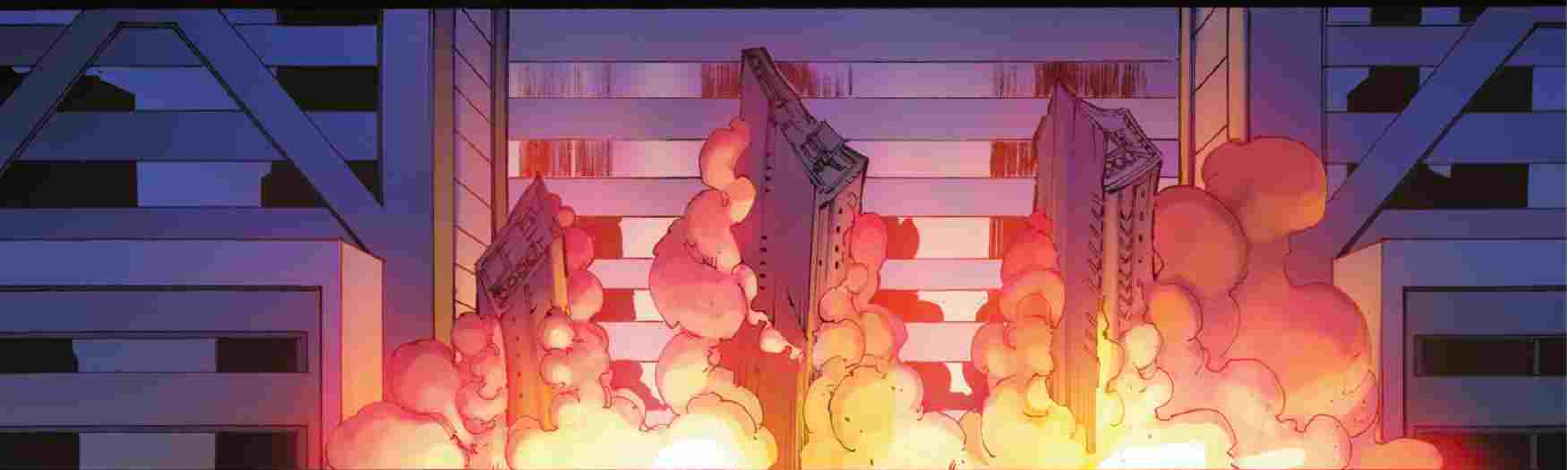
THE CITY IS AFRAID, BATMAN.
AND LUMOS FEEDS AS WELL ON FEAR AS HE DOES ON GLORY.



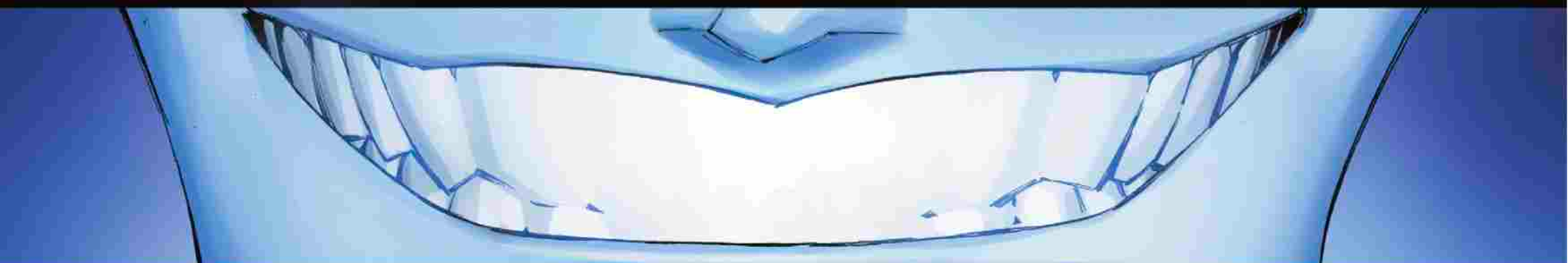
HE'S ANNOUNCED AN ACQUISITION OF THE NARROWS.
HE'S PROMISING MORE NEIGHBORHOODS BY THE END OF THE WEEK.



ALL TO BE REPLACED WITH HIS CITY OF LIGHT.



GOTHAM IS DYING...



...AND LUMOS IS BUYING THE CORPSE.

EVERY MINUTE YOU'RE DOWN THERE,
THE GROUND IS FALLING OUT FROM UNDER US.



BATMAN...

TERRY...



WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.



IF IT'S BETWEEN THOSE CHILDREN IN THE DARK AND THE ENTIRE DAMN CITY...



...PLEASE.



DON'T CHOOSE THE **DARK.**



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BE CAREFUL, KYLE. THIS PLACE IS A LABYRINTH. IT'S DESIGNED FOR TWO THINGS--

--TO DRIVE YOU **CRAZY** AND TO **KILL YOU** ONCE YOU'RE THERE.

YOU TALK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN HERE.

FIRST TIME, BUT WHEN I WAS SEVENTEEN, I DID A MONTH OF TRAINING DESIGNED TO PREPARE ME IF I WAS EVER TAKEN BY THEM.

THEM?

THE COURT OF OWLS.

THE **SECRET RULERS** OF GOTHAM CITY. BEFORE BATMAN PUT THEM DOWN.

...YOU GET THE FEELING WE'RE BEING **WATCHED?**

YEOW!

WHAT THE ACTUAL **FRACK?** IS THIS SOME KIND OF...

MAGIC? THOUGHT YOU WERE OUR **EXPERT** ON THAT.

THIS ISN'T MAGIC. BUT THIS IS WHAT THE GARDEN LOOKED LIKE... BEFORE IT TOOK THE KIDS.

BIOLUMINESCENCE. WE'RE GETTING CLOSER.

LISTEN. CAN YOU HEAR THAT?

TERRY.

KEEP UP. THIS IS GONNA GET WEIRD.

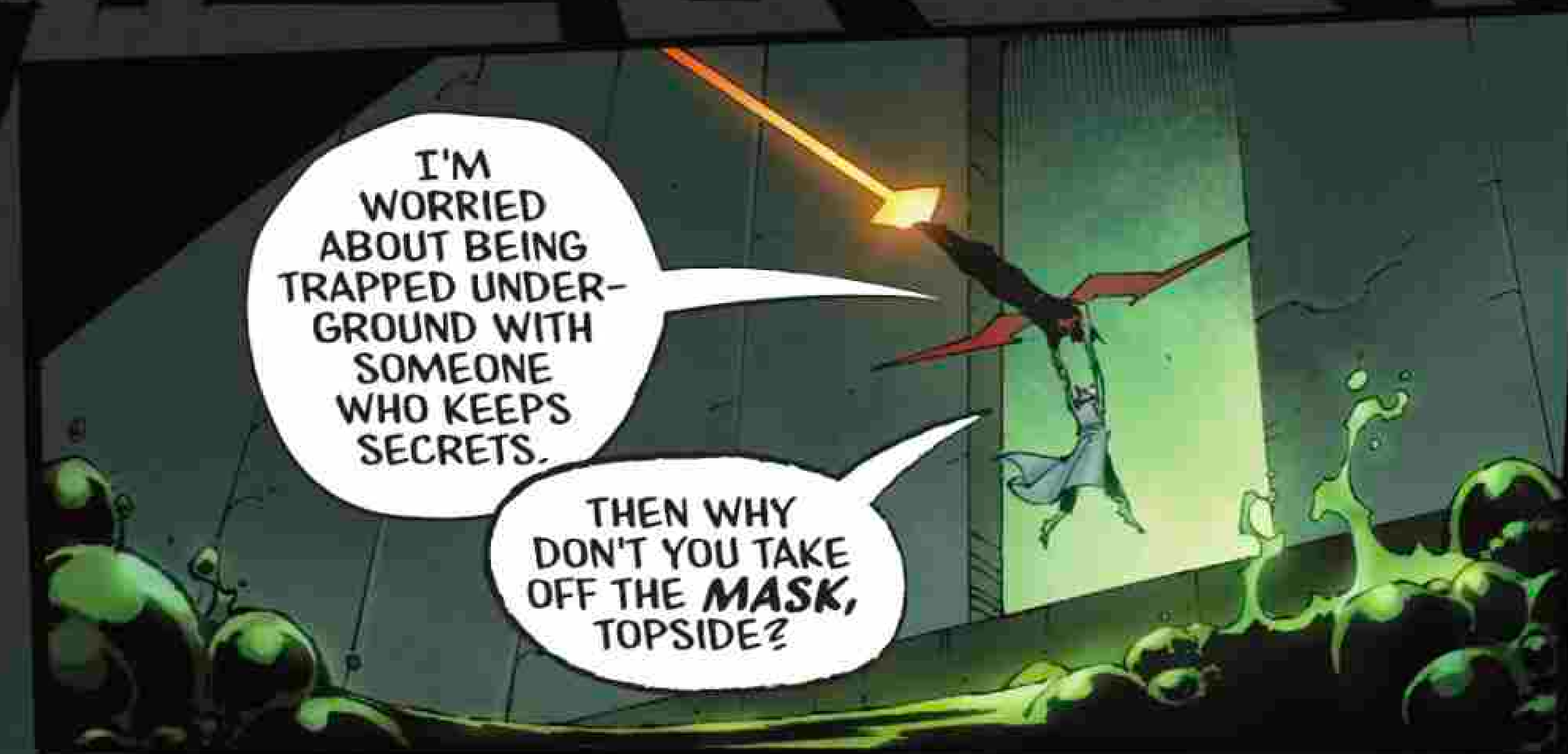
OH, IT'S **GONNA** GET WEIRD, OKAY. I WAS WORRIED FOR A MINUTE THAT THIS INSANE SEALED-OFF LABYRINTH OF TERROR WAS **TOO NORMAL--**

LESS TALK, MORE **RUNNING,** CATBOI.



YOU DO KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TELL ME YOUR STORY AT SOME POINT, RIGHT?

WE'VE GOT SKELETON TRAPS, AND YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT *ME*?



I'M WORRIED ABOUT BEING TRAPPED UNDERGROUND WITH SOMEONE WHO KEEPS SECRETS.

THEN WHY DON'T YOU TAKE OFF THE *MASK*, TOPSIDE?



WHERE...*HRNN*... DID YOU LEARN... *MAGIC*...*HRNN*... IN NEO-GOTHAM?

SERIOUSLY, MAN, THIS IS *NOT* THE TIME!



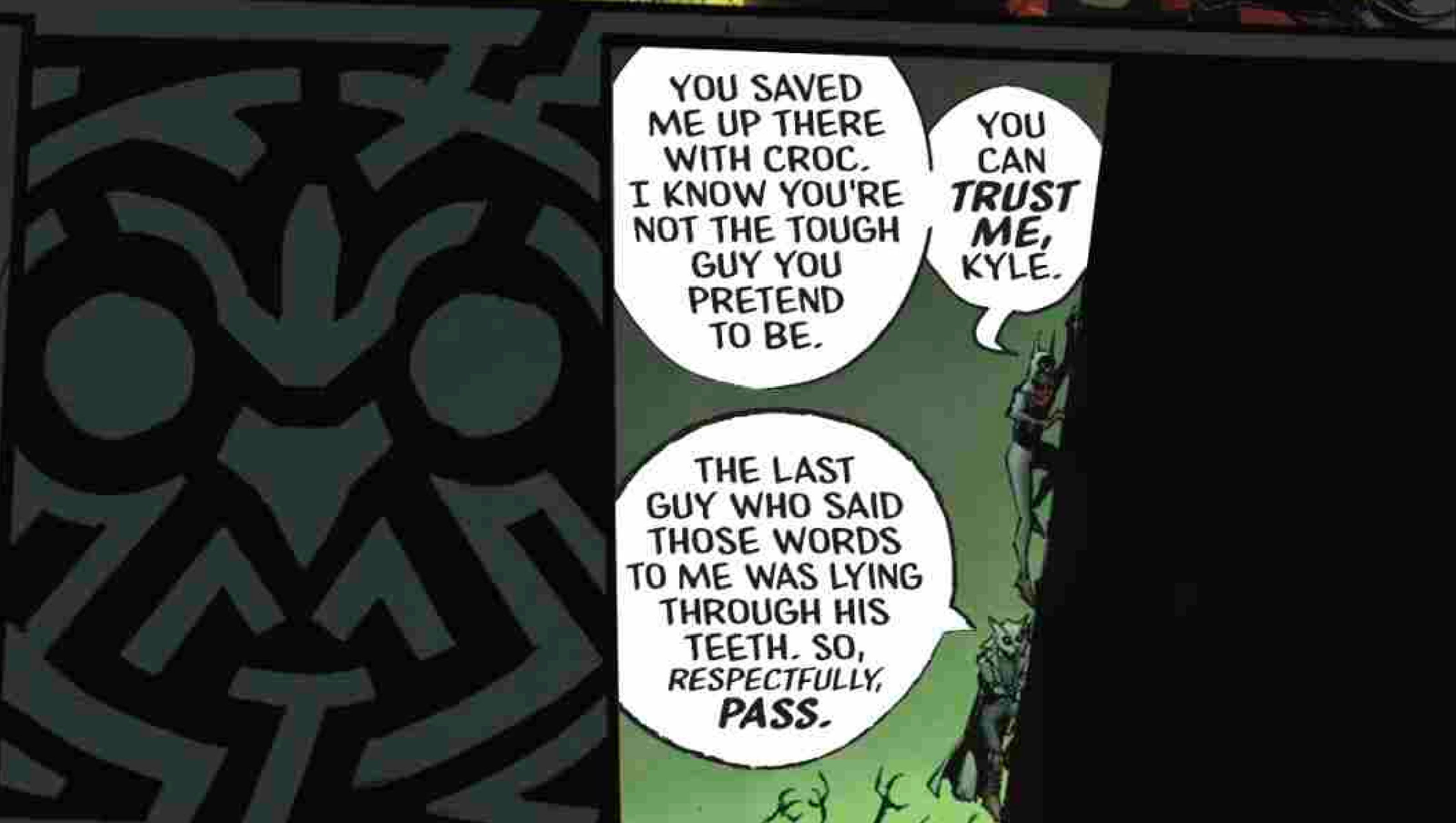
JUST BE HAPPY I'VE GOT IT IN A PINCH, YEAH?

YOU'RE DEFLECTING.



I SHOULD KNOW. THE GUY WHO TRAINED ME WAS AN *EXPERT*.

AND HE NEVER KEPT A SECRET THAT DIDN'T COME BACK TO PUNCH HIM IN THE HEART.



YOU SAVED ME UP THERE WITH CROC. I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THE TOUGH GUY YOU PRETEND TO BE.

YOU CAN *TRUST* ME, KYLE.

THE LAST GUY WHO SAID THOSE WORDS TO ME WAS LYING THROUGH HIS TEETH. SO, RESPECTFULLY, *PASS*.



AND THAT'S ALL I GOT TO SAY ABOUT IT, YOU GET ME?

THIS ISN'T OVER.



YES, TERRY, IT IS.

AFTER ALL THESE BURIED YEARS...





BAAAATMAAAN...

...SO KILLING...
HE BRINGSSSS
HSSSS A
PRESSSSSENT...



BACK AWAY.
SLOWLY. WE
GOTTA GET OUT
OF HERE.

DON'T
GOTTA
TELL ME
TWICE.



HIS
NAME! THE
CONSECRATION
WHISPERS IT IN
OUR MINDS!

HIS
FACE! IT
HAUNTS OUR
DREAMS!

HIS
GUILT! IT
COURSES
THROUGH OUR
MYCELIUM
VEINS!



THE CAT!
THE CAT WITH ALL
THE **GARDEN'S**
SECRETS UNDER
HIS SKIN!



AND NOW,
TERRY, YOU
BRING HIM
TO US.



THROUGH A
MILLION EYES,
I'VE WATCHED
YOUR JOURNEY.

I'M SO
PROUD
OF YOU,
TERRY.

...BRUCE?

RETURN THE
CHILDREN, YOU
COWARDS!
ENOUGH OF
THESE MIND
GAMES!

NO GAMES,
TERRY. JUST **TRUTH.**
THE GARDEN BELOW NEEDS
THE CHILDREN, JUST AS IT
NEEDS THE BOY WHO
FED THEM TO IT.

NO.
BRUCE WAYNE
WAS A **FAILED**
EXPERIMENT. A
MISTAKE ALONG
A LONGER
PATH.

LIKE THE
TALON I ONCE
WAS. LIKE YOU,
TERRY. EACH A STEP
TOWARD MY
PERFECTION.

THE
GARDEN BELOW
HAS OPENED OUR
MINDS. WE SEE THE
TRUTH NOW, AS YOU
SHALL TOO.

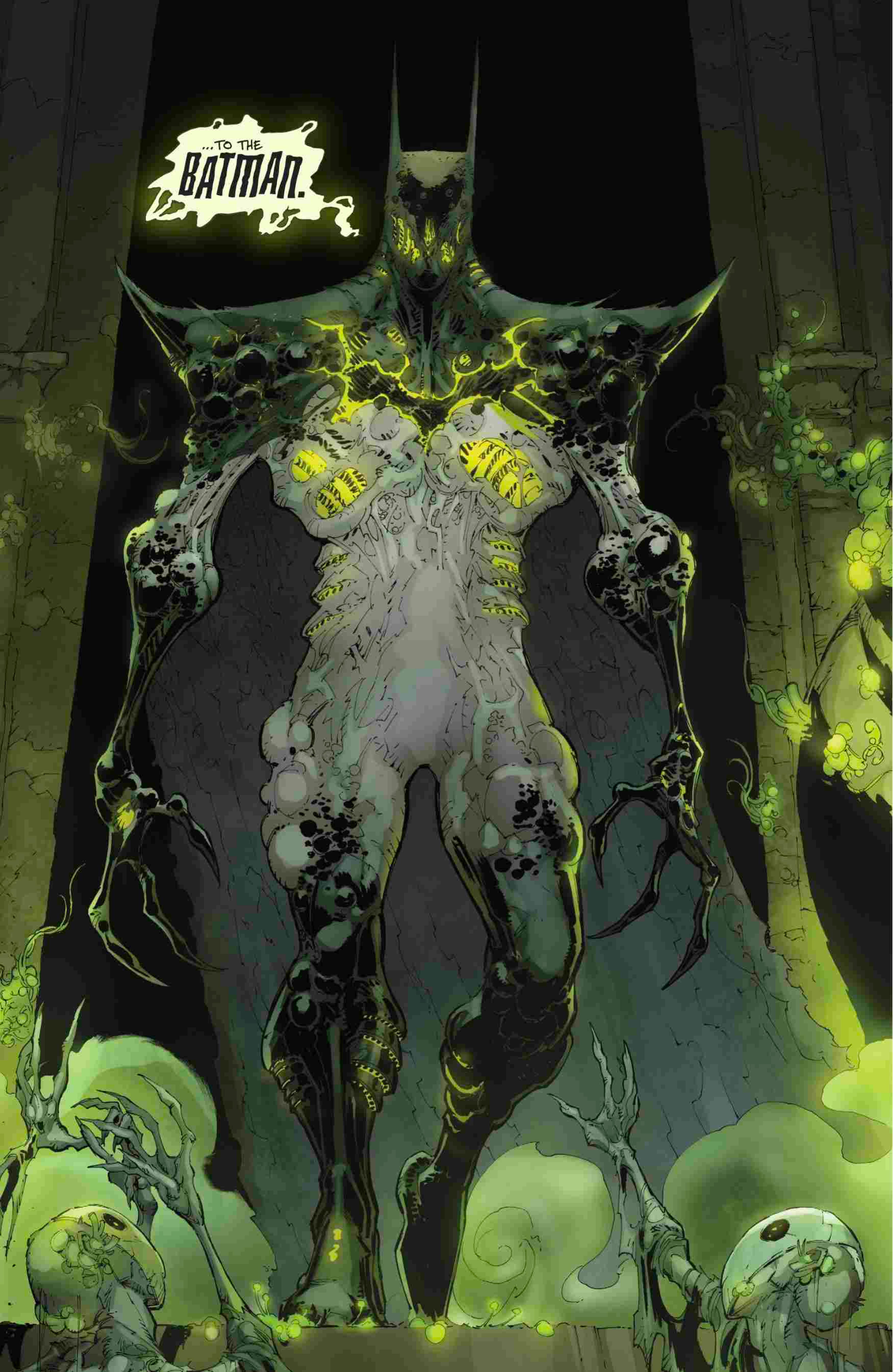
JUST AS
THE **COURT**
NEEDS THE AIR
OF GOTHAM
AGAIN.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT, TERRY.
YOU HAVE
EARNED YOUR
REST.

AND THE
SACRAMENT
OF THE GARDEN
HAS HELPED US
REMEMBER OUR
SACRED
QUEST.

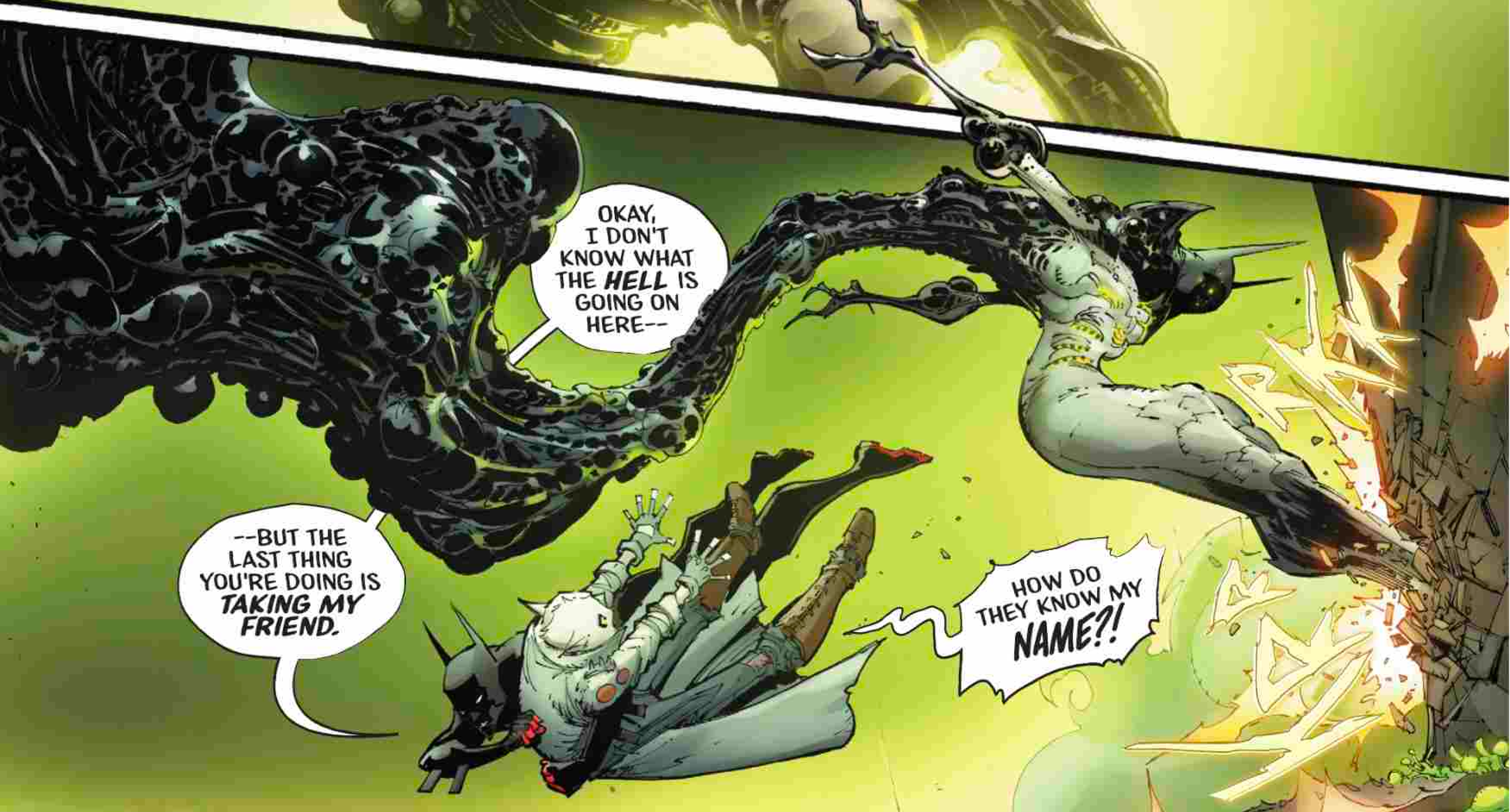
FROM
NOW UNTIL
THE GARDEN
RISES, GOTHAM
BELONGS...

...TO THE
BATMAN.





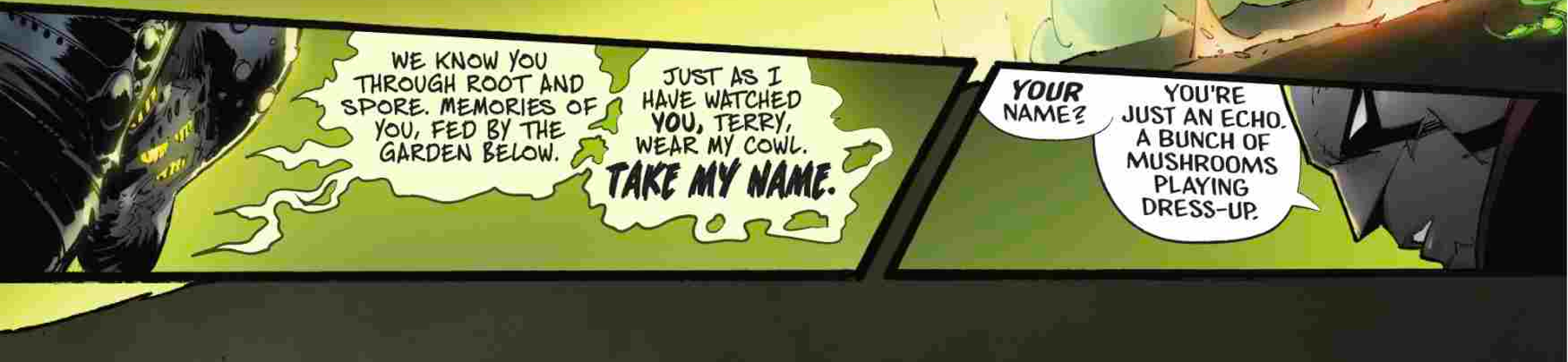
GIVE US KYLE
AND LET THE
**GARDEN
FEED!**



OKAY,
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
THE **HELL** IS
GOING ON
HERE--

--BUT THE
LAST THING
YOU'RE DOING IS
TAKING MY
FRIEND.

HOW DO
THEY KNOW MY
NAME?!



WE KNOW YOU
THROUGH ROOT AND
SPORE. MEMORIES OF
YOU, FED BY THE
GARDEN BELOW.

JUST AS I
HAVE WATCHED
YOU, TERRY,
WEAR MY COWL.
TAKE MY NAME.

**YOUR
NAME?**

YOU'RE
JUST AN ECHO.
A BUNCH OF
MUSHROOMS
PLAYING
DRESS-UP.





FIRST THE BOY, THEN THE SUN. DO YOU HEAR MY ROBINS, MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS? THEY WANT TO FLY, TERRY.

GUAH



BRUCE LOCKED YOU DOWN HERE FOR A REASON.

THANK



KRAK

AND I DON'T CARE WHAT THE MUSHROOMS SAY, YOU'RE STAYING IN THE DAMN DARK.



GOTHAM WILL BE SAVED BY WHAT IT HAS BURIED.

NO...



...IT'LL BE
SAVED BY
ME.



MAN,
THAT
WAS--

STOP.
LOOK AT
ME.



WHAT IS THIS
ABOUT, KYLE?!
NO MORE DEFLECTING--
WHY DO THEY **KNOW**
YOU? WHY DO THEY
WANT YOU?

I DON'T
KNOW, MAN! I'VE
NEVER EVEN **BEEN**
HERE BEFORE--
THAT'S KIND OF THE
WHOLE POINT
OF THIS!

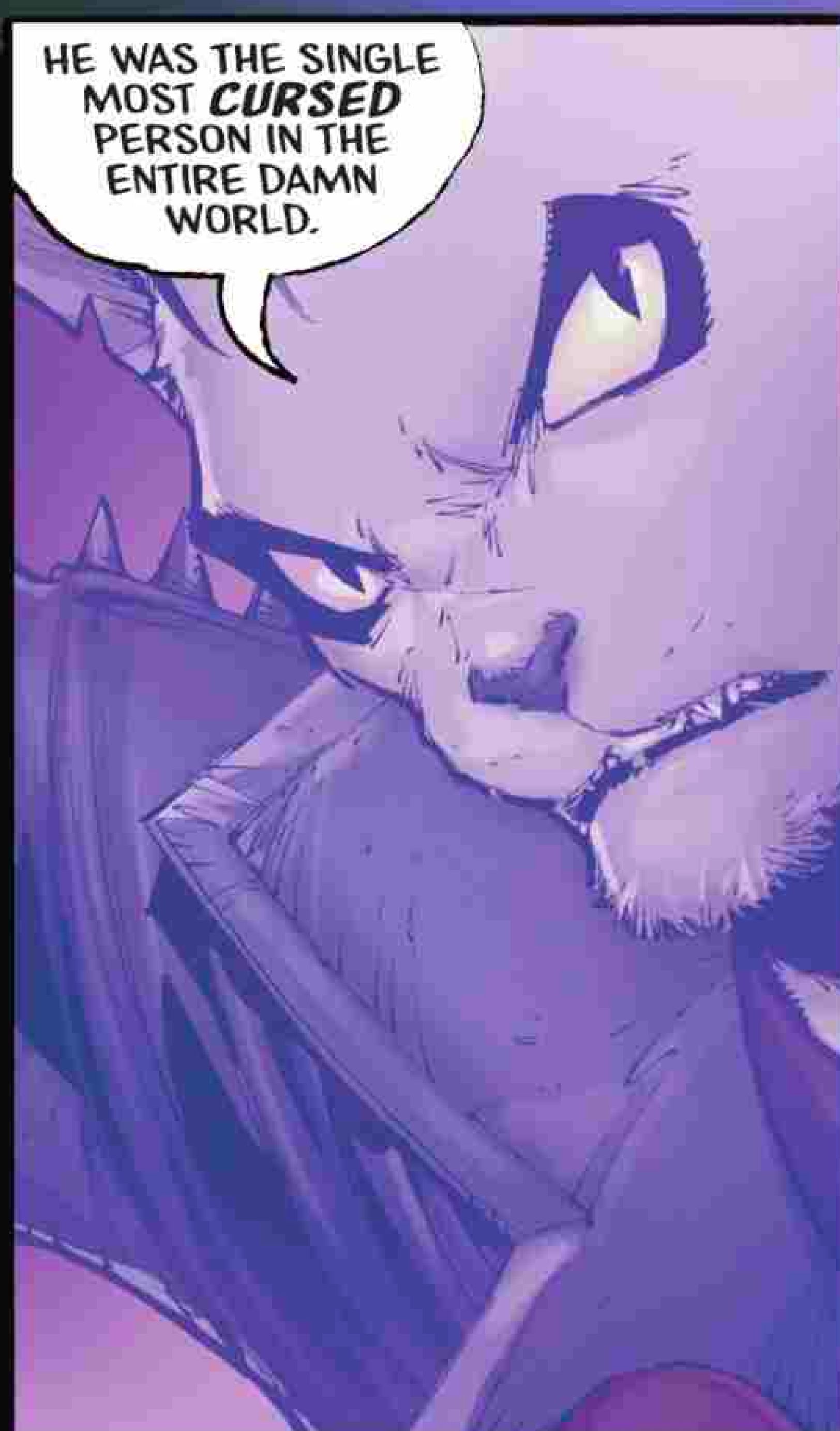


**THE
WHOLE
POINT OF
THIS?**

**I
HIRED
YOU.**



**DID
YOU?**



"...EVERYTHING'S A
TRICK WHEN IT COMES TO
JOHN CONSTANTINE."





THE STREET SORCERER?
BATMAN SAID HE
DIED YEARS
AGO!

NO, HE JUST
LEVERAGED EVERY
DEATH INTO ANOTHER
FEW YEARS ON HIS SOUL.
COLLECTED CURSES AND
DAMNATIONS LIKE THEY
WERE FANCY OLD
RECORDS.



HE TAUGHT ME
-ARGH- WHAT HE
COULD. JUST...
JUST ENOUGH.

THEN HE
BETRAYED ME,
SCREWED ME OVER,
AND LEFT ME TO DIE THE
SAME SLOW DEATH
THAT KEPT HIM KICKING
THROUGH THE LAST
CENTURY!



"HE WAS THE FIRST
PERSON I EVER SAW
GO INTO THE GROUND.
JOHN CONSTANTINE
GOT A FINAL RESTING
PLACE. A GARDEN OF
LIGHT AT THE END OF
HIS GOD-AWFUL LIFE.



AND I
JUST GOT
LEFT WITH
ALL HIS
CURSES.



SO
THIS WAS A
GIFT? ALL OF
IT, JUST TO GET
BACK TO THE MAN
WHO RUINED
YOUR LIFE.

...JUST
ABOUT.



AND NOW
I'M GOING TO
GET US BOTH
KILLED.

GUESS
THAT'S LIFE IN
THE GUTTER,
HUH?





BEAM.

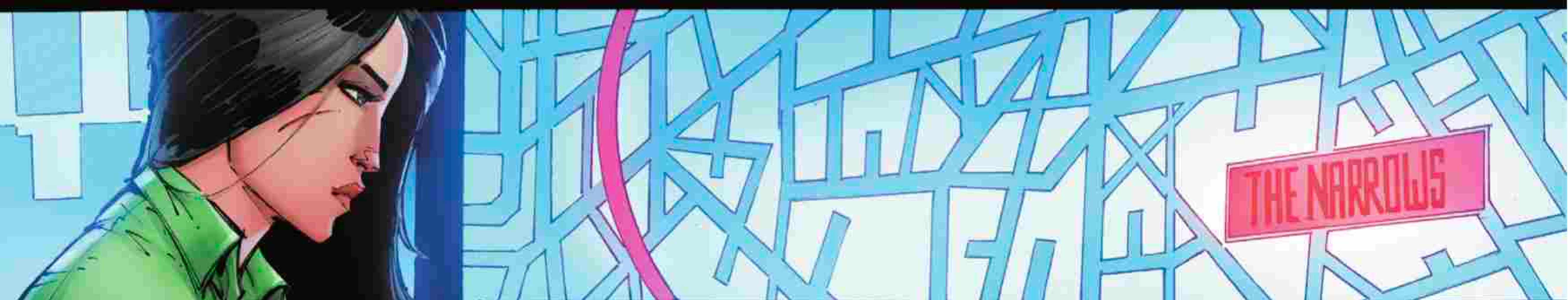
IT'S TERRY.



THINGS AREN'T GOING GREAT.



IN A FEW MOMENTS, I'LL BE STEPPING INTO A LABYRINTH BRUCE BURIED DECADES AGO...



...AND I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE KIDS.



GETTING CLOSE, I CAN FEEL IT, BUT EACH LAYER I CUT THROUGH HAS ANOTHER JUST BENEATH. LIKE SCAR TISSUE.



IT'S PURE TRAUMA UNDER THESE STREETS.

ALL OF THIS...
FORGOTTEN
PAIN. LEFT
DOWN HERE
TO FESTER.

AND THE
DEEPER I GET,
THE WORSE
THE SICKNESS
BECOMES.

BEAM,
TRUST ME...
I DON'T
WANT TO
CHOOSE
THE DARK.

BUT
I'M THE
ONLY
ONE WHO
CAN.

NEXT:

THE LONG,
STRANGE
TRIP!

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VS. THE ARMY OF THE DEAD

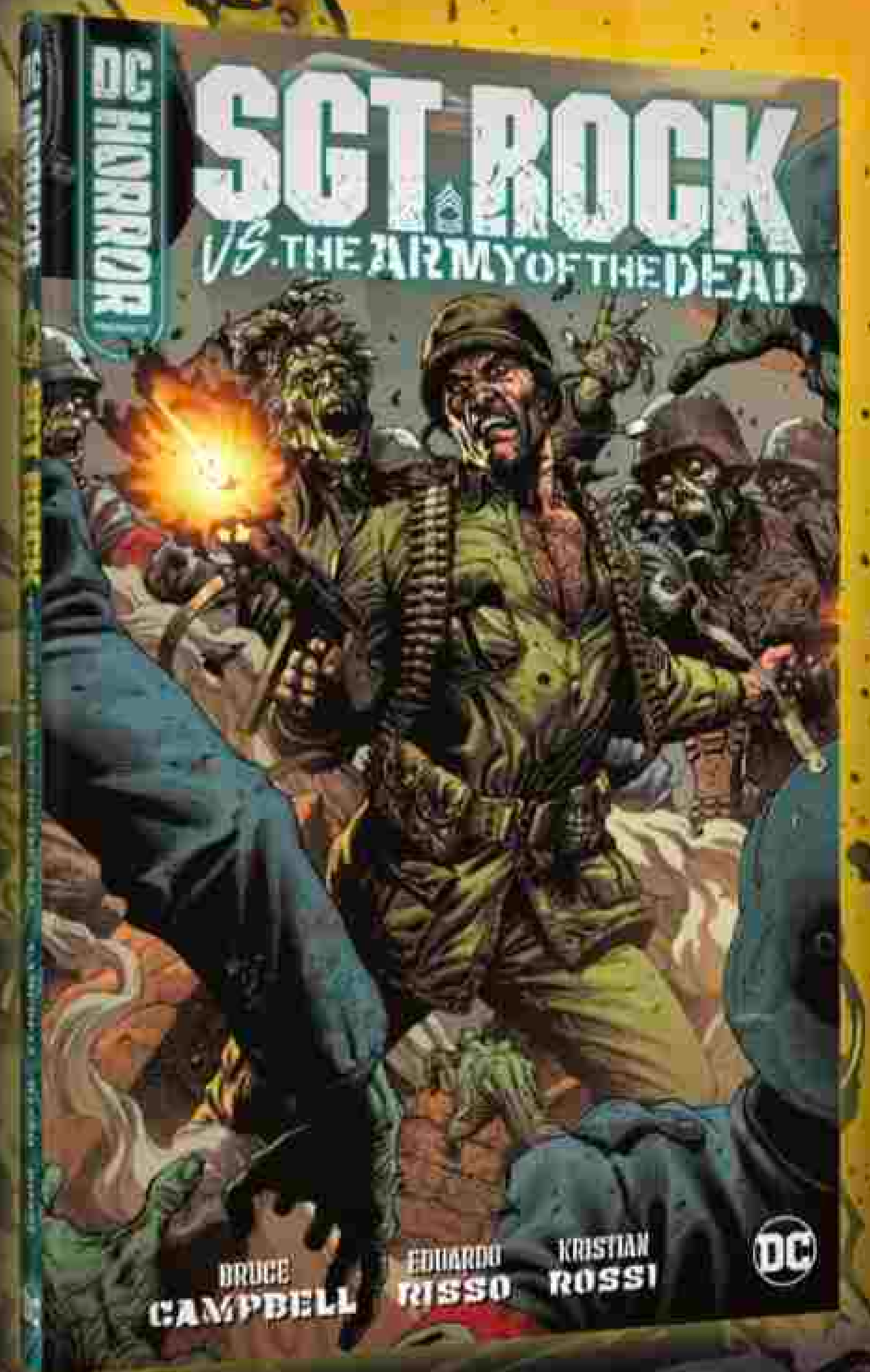
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**NAZIS HAVE
RETURNED FROM
THE DEAD. LET'S
SEND 'EM BACK!**

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OCTOBER

JUSTICE LEAGUE

VS. GODZILLA VS. KONG



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The Battle Begins
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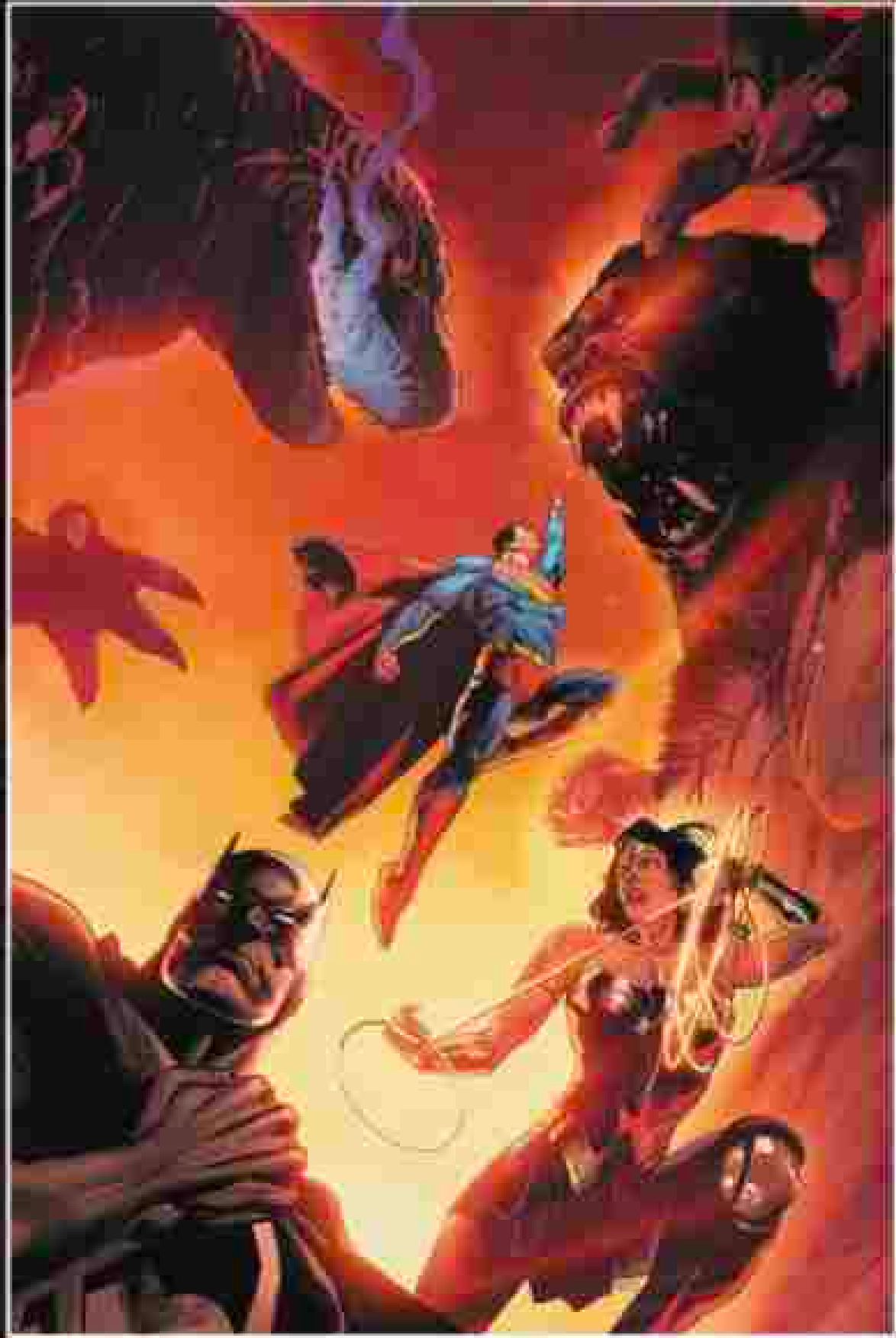


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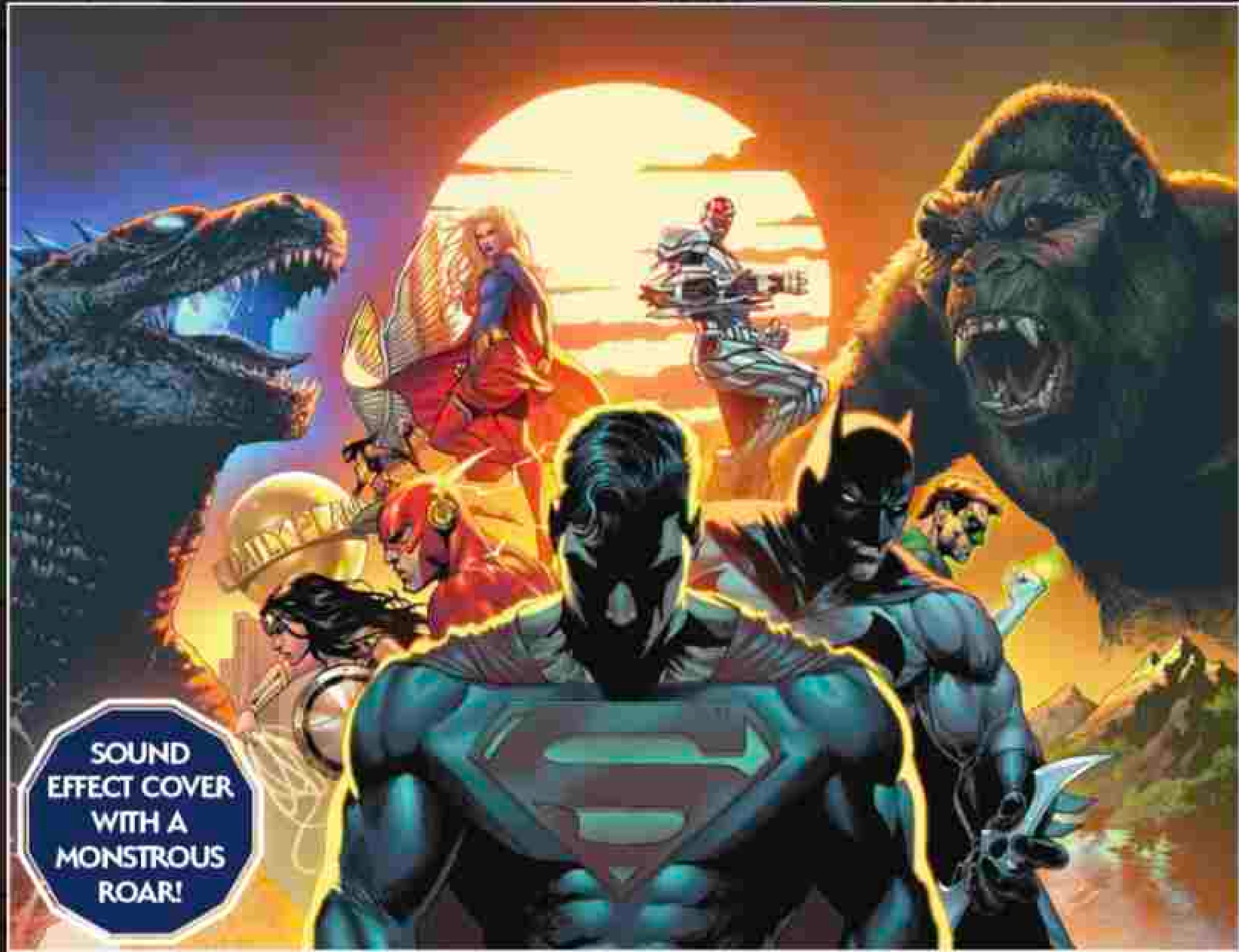


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EARTH-SHATTERING
CROSSOVER WITH
THESE COVERS**



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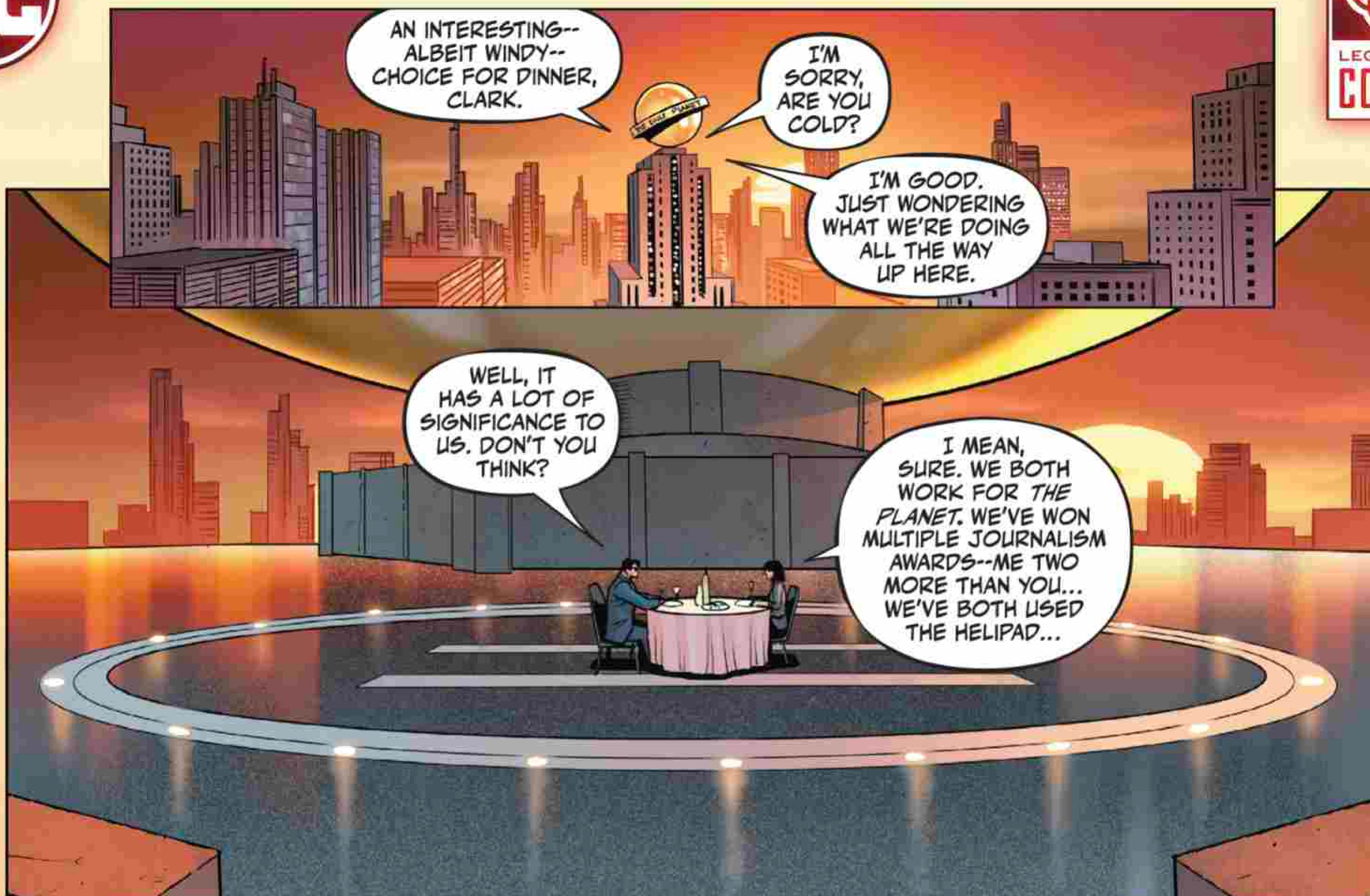


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**JUSTICE
LEAGUE** **vs.** **GODZILLA
vs.** **KONG**





AN INTERESTING--
ALBEIT WINDY--
CHOICE FOR DINNER,
CLARK.

I'M
SORRY,
ARE YOU
COLD?

I'M GOOD.
JUST WONDERING
WHAT WE'RE DOING
ALL THE WAY
UP HERE.

WELL, IT
HAS A LOT OF
SIGNIFICANCE TO
US. DON'T YOU
THINK?

I MEAN,
SURE. WE BOTH
WORK FOR THE
PLANET. WE'VE WON
MULTIPLE JOURNALISM
AWARDS--ME TWO
MORE THAN YOU...
WE'VE BOTH USED
THE HELIPAD...



IT'S
WHERE
WE FIRST
MET.

IS IT? KIDDING. I REMEMBER
IT CLEAR AS YESTERDAY.
YOU STEPPING ON THE
HELIPAD TO INTRODUCE
YOURSELF.

THIS
UNLIKELY
COMBINATION
OF TIMID,
AWKWARD, AND...
WELL, SUPER
MANLY.
SUPERMAN-LY.



YOU LOOKED SO
SOPHISTICATED AND
WHIP-SMART. AND
KIND OF INTIMIDATING.
SO READY FOR
WHATEVER THE
WORLD THREW
AT YOU.

I WAS
IN AWE
OF YOU,
LOIS.



I DON'T THINK
I WAS READY FOR
YOU. CLARK OR
SUPERMAN.



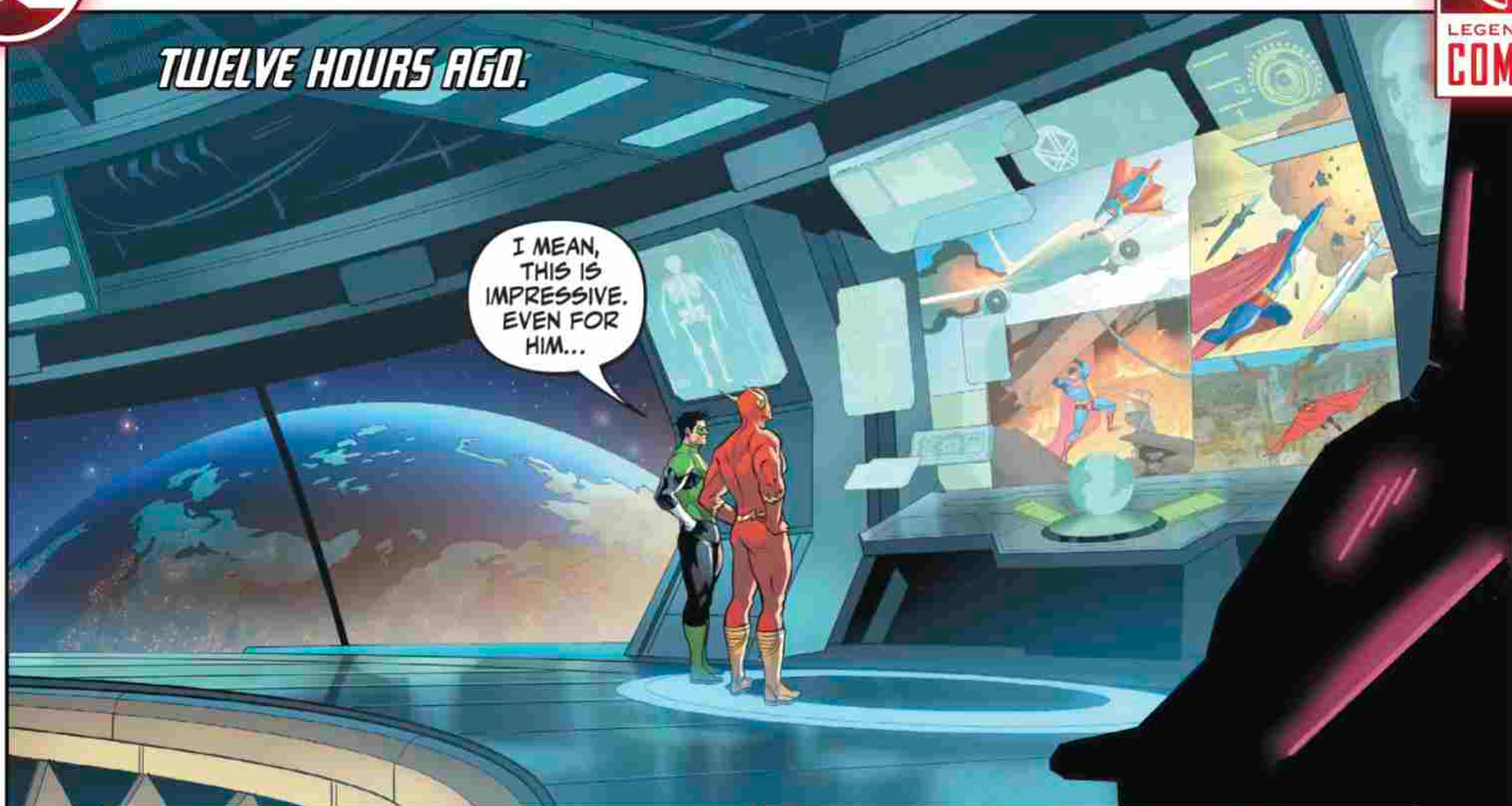
WHAT ABOUT
NOW?

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TWELVE HOURS AGO.



I MEAN, THIS IS IMPRESSIVE. EVEN FOR HIM...



IT'S LIKE HE'S LITERALLY TRYING TO SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD AT ONCE.



MAKES YOU WONDER WHY HE DOESN'T GIVE SUPER-SUPER EFFORT ALL OF THE TIME.

IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE, HAL...



BELIEVE ME, AS A GUY WHO CAN PRETTY MUCH BE TWO PLACES AT ONCE...NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DO AND HOW HARD YOU TRY...YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL. THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH TIME.

NOT EVEN FOR THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE. THEN WHAT'S THE POINT?

PREVIEW

JUSTICE LEAGUE vs. **GODZILLA KONG**

PREVIEW





DAWN OF DC

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THE FLASH

All year long, DC has reinvigorated its heroes and villains across the DC Universe with the Dawn of DC storytelling initiative—and Wally West gets in on the fun this September with *The Flash* #1 from the superstar team of writer Si Spurrier and artist Mike Deodato Jr., a fresh start for one of pop culture's most iconic heroes!

With this new era for *The Flash* comes new allies, new enemies, and mysterious new developments with Wally's connection to the Speed Force—along with a fresh take on classic villains like Mirror Master, as well as Wally's family unit of wife Linda Park and their super-powered twins, Jai and Irey.

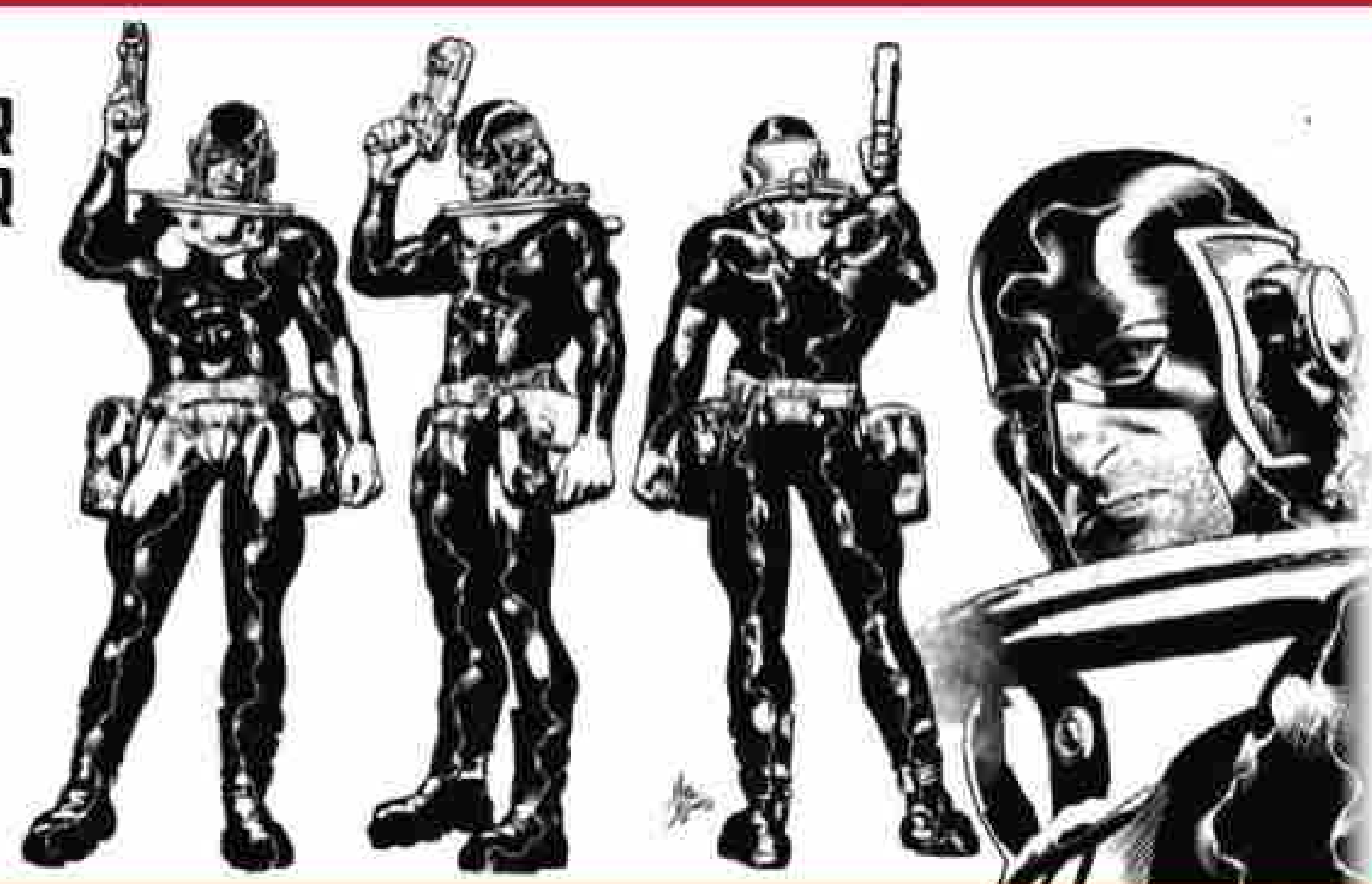
That's a lot to get excited about—and to get *even more* excited, we opened up Deodato's sketchbook to see the comics legend's character designs for the new series.



WALLY WEST



MIRROR MASTER



IREY WEST



JAI WEST



DON'T MISS *THE FLASH* #1, ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER!

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